

the proposed surface coal mining and reclamation operation.

(iv) A statement of the classes of properties of potential significance within the disturbed area, and a plan for the identification and treatment, in accordance with 36 CFR part 800, of properties significant and listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places within the permit area of the proposed surface coal mining and reclamation operation.

(v) A description of compliance with Federal laws aimed at protecting cultural resources on Indian lands.

(vi) A description of the probable changes in air quality resulting from the surface coal mining operation and any necessary measures to comply with prevention of significant deterioration limitations, or other Federal laws for air quality protection.

(vii) A description of the location, acreage and condition of important habitats of selected indicator species located within the permit and adjacent areas of the proposed surface coal mining and reclamation operation.

(viii) A description of active and inactive nests and prey areas of any bald or golden eagles located within the permit and adjacent areas of the proposed surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

(ix) A description and special studies, if required, of all threatened and endangered species and their critical habitats located within the permit and adjacent areas of the proposed surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

[49 FR 38477, Sept. 28, 1984, as amended at 54 FR 22188, May 22, 1989; 55 FR 29548, July 19, 1990]

§ 750.13 Small operator assistance.

Part 795 of this chapter is applicable on Indian lands.

§ 750.14 Lands designated unsuitable for mining by Act of Congress.

Part 761 of this chapter is applicable on Indian lands.

§ 750.15 Coal exploration.

Coal exploration operations on Indian lands shall be conducted in accordance with 25 CFR part 216 and 43 CFR part 3480, whichever is applicable.

§ 750.16 Performance standards.

After OSM issues a permit under this part, a person conducting surface coal mining operations on Indian lands shall do so in accordance with parts 816, 817, 819, 822, 823, 824, 827, and 828 of this chapter. Prior to that time, the person conducting surface coal mining and reclamation operations shall adhere to the performance standards of 30 CFR chapter VII, subchapter B.

[49 FR 38477, Sept. 28, 1984, as amended at 59 FR 43420, Aug. 23, 1994]

§ 750.17 Bonding.

Subchapter J of this title is applicable on Indian lands.

§ 750.18 Inspection and enforcement.

(a) Parts 842, 843, 845 and 846 of this chapter and the hearings and appeals procedures of 43 CFR part 4 are applicable on Indian lands.

(b) OSM shall furnish copies of notices and orders to mineral owners or surface owners on whose land the surface coal mining operation takes place. OSM may furnish copies of notices and orders to any other person having an interest in the surface coal mining and reclamation operation or the permit area.

(c) BLM shall furnish copies of notices and orders to mineral owners or surface owners on whose land coal exploration operations take place and pursuant to 25 CFR 216.7 and 43 CFR part 3480, where applicable, to any mineral owner or surface owner, or to any person having an interest in the coal mining operation.

(d) Whenever an authorized representative of the Secretary decides to conduct an inspection of any coal mining operations or any premises in which any records to be maintained are located, the appropriate representative of the local governing Indian tribe shall be notified and be invited to accompany the Secretary's representative on such an inspection.

(e) No provision in this chapter shall be interpreted as replacing or superseding any other remedies of the Indian mineral owners, as set forth in a contract or otherwise available at law.

(f) Appropriate officials of the local governing Indian tribe shall be notified

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of any hearings or conferences conducted regarding civil penalties and shall be invited to attend.

[49 FR 38477, Sept. 28, 1984, as amended at 53 FR 3675, Feb. 8, 1988]

§ 750.19 Certification of blasters.

A person seeking to conduct blasting operations on Indian lands shall comply with the requirements of §§ 816.61(c) and 817.61(c) and part 955 of this chapter.

[51 FR 19461, May 29, 1986]

§ 750.20 [Reserved]

§ 750.21 Coal extraction incidental to the extraction of other minerals.

Part 702 of this chapter is applicable on Indian lands.

[54 FR 52123, Dec. 20, 1989]

§ 750.25 Permit fees.

(a) *Applicability.* An applicant for a new permit to conduct surface coal mining operations on lands subject to this part shall submit to OSM fees in the amounts set out in paragraph (d) of this section. For applications submitted prior to the effective date of this rule, fees shall apply only for stages of OSM review begun on or after the effective date. The applicant shall either submit all applicable fees with the permit application, or by stage of review as follows:

(1) *Administrative completeness review.* An applicant who pays by stage of review shall submit the administrative completeness review fee with the permit application.

(2) *Technical review.* Following receipt from OSM of a notice of administrative completeness, an applicant who pays by stage of review shall submit the technical review basic fee, plus the per-acre fee for each acre of disturbed area or fraction thereof to be included in the permit area.

(3) *Permit issuance.* Following receipt from OSM of a notice of technical adequacy, an applicant who pays by stage of review shall submit the decision document fee.

(b) *Refund of fees.* (1) Upon receipt of a written request from an applicant, OSM will refund any permit fees paid

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under this section for a permit application when OSM denies the permit:

(i) On the basis of information concerning endangered or threatened species or their critical habitats or information concerning cultural or historical resources, where such information was not available prior to submission of the permit application;

(ii) Because subsequent to submittal of a permit application, the lands contained in the permit application are declared unsuitable for mining under subchapter F of this chapter; or

(iii) Because subsequent to submittal of a permit application, the applicant is denied valid existing rights to mine under part 761 of this chapter where such rights are required for surface coal mining operations on the lands contained in the permit application.

(2) An applicant may file a written request for withdrawal of a permit application and a refund of fees in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this section.

(3) OSM will, upon receipt of written request for withdrawal of a permit application, cease processing of that application. If requested, OSM will refund fees paid by the applicant for the withdrawn application as follows:

(i) Any fees for a stage of OSM review not yet begun will be refunded;

(ii) Where technical review has begun, partial refund will be made of any technical review fee amounts remaining after deduction of actual costs incurred for that technical review. Costs to process the withdrawal may also be deducted.

(4) No interest will be paid on refunded fees.

(c) *Form of payment.* All fees due under this section shall be submitted to OSM by the applicant in the form of a certified check, bank draft or money order, payable to Office of Surface Mining.

(d) *Fee schedule for a new permit.*

Administrative completeness review.	\$250.00
Technical review:	
Basic fee	1350.00
Fee per acre of disturbed area in permit area:	
First 1,000 acres	13.50/acre
Second 1,000 acres	6.00/acre
Third 1,000 acres	4.00/acre
Additional acres	3.00/acre